

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently amended) A solid composition comprising a colorant, a gelation agent, a resin component, and one of the following solvents: (i) a solvent having a solubility parameter value, Y, of no more than 8.5; or (ii) a solvent composed of at least two ~~types of~~ solvents, each solvent having (a) an HLB value, X, of no more than 6.5; or (b) an X and a Y wherein $Y \leq 18 - X$ when $6.5 < X$, $0 < Y$.

Claim 10 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the solvent comprises at least a glycol ether.

Claim 11 (Previously added) A solid composition according to claim 9 wherein the solvent comprises at least one selected from the group consistin of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether as an essential component.

Claim 12 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

Claim 13 (Previously added) A solid composition according to claim 9 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the grou consisting of butyral resin, vinyl acetate resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-vinyl chloride) copolymer resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-ethylene) resin, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethylcellulose and acetylcellulose and at least one member selected from the group consising of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

Claim 14 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the colorant is a fluorescent pigment in the form of a solid solution in a polyamide resin vesicle.

Claim 15 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9, which is a solid writing material.

Claim 16 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 15, which is a wet-surface writing material.

Claim 17 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 16, which is a crayon.

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Claim 18 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent (ii) has a Y wherein $7 \leq Y \leq 12$.

Claim 19 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent (ii) has an X wherein $6.5 \leq X \leq 9$.

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arch **Claim 20 (Previously added)** A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent (ii) has a Y wherein $8 \leq Y \leq 9.5$.

Claim 21 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent (ii) has an X wherein $6 \leq X \leq 8.5$.

Claim 22 (Previously added) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent is included at 20-80% by weight.
